



## PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

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### Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2012

*The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) met at the Environmental Information Center (EIC) in Paducah, Kentucky on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.*

**Board members present:** Glenda Adkisson; Judy Clayton; Eddie Edmonds; David Franklin; Mike Kemp; Maggie Morgan, Vice-Chair; Kevin L. Murphy; Ben Peterson; Dick Rushing; Jim Tidwell; Ken Wheeler and Ralph Young, Chair.

**Board members absent:** Robert Coleman; Kyle Henderson; Jonathan Hines; Dianne O'Brien; Elton Priddy; and Roger Truitt.

**Student Participant:** Colby Davis, absent

**Board Liaisons and related regulatory agency employees:** Gaye Brewer, Todd Mullins, Kentucky Division of Waste Management (KDWM).

**DOE Deputy Designated Federal Official:** Reinhard Knerr

**DOE Federal Coordinator:** Buz Smith

**U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) related employees:** Eric Roberts, Jim Ethridge, EHI Consultants (EHI); Eddie Spraggs, LATA Kentucky; Don Dihel, DOE.

**Public:** John Anderson, Tony Graham, Tom Grassham

#### Introductions

**CAB Chair, Young** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Young** thanked everyone for attendance and called for introductions. **Young** then asked for **Knerr's** comments.

#### Deputy Designated Federal Official Comments

**Knerr** thanked everyone for having the meeting to vote on a budget recommendation.

Approved by Ralph Young, Chairman

Ralph Young

## Administrative Issues

All presentations are available on <http://www.pgdp CAB.energy.gov/2012Meetings.html> .

- **Recommendation 12-03: DOE Funding Priorities for the FY 2014 Budget**

*The CAB understands that the DOE budget for the site is composed of three parts. The first part includes projects and/or activities that address Imminent Threats to the site, the environment, and the surrounding community. See the attached Summary Level Scope/Budget Breakdown chart.*

*The CAB agrees with DOE that there are no imminent threats to human health and the environment requiring budgeted funds for FY2014.*

*The CAB agrees with the priority of the programs budgeted under Base Operations for \$106.6 million. With the DUF6 Conversion Facility past its start-up phase, the CAB recommends that any new capital or operating funds over and above the FY 2014 Base Operations required for this facility not be part of base operations, but compete for funding against projects listed in the Enforceable Commitments category. DUF6 Conversion Facility investments should also consider return on investment and other criteria similar to a private enterprise.*

*Given that FY 2014 will be a critical year to ensure that projects continue on track to meet the Enforceable Commitments for FY 2019, the CAB recommends that \$108.8 million be allocated in the FY 2014 request. Meeting the Enforceable Commitments for FY 2019 will be important not only from an environmental standpoint, but also to prepare the site viable for future re-industrialization. Considerable work has already been accomplished related to the burial grounds and soils. That work includes sampling, characterization, and evaluation of engineering alternatives. Remediation of these areas must be accomplished prior to site reuse. Delaying actual remediation will result in higher costs and difficulty in meeting enforceable commitments. Additional funding above the site's target funding level would allow work in these areas to proceed in a consistent manner.*

*The CAB also recommends that \$9 million in the Remaining Work category be included in the FY 2014 budget request and allocated towards accelerated decontamination and decommissioning as well as environmental restoration. This funding will ensure that DOE continues the momentum built over the last two years and retention of a trained workforce. Accelerating these activities will be important to demonstrate DOE's commitment to the community and for re-industrialization. Additional funding is necessary to allow the site to meet 2019 enforceable commitments with some of the more complex projects. In addition, the site has spent much time and money acquiring a trained, capable workforce. Additional*

*funding will ensure this workforce is utilized fully and future funding is not wasted retraining a new workforce.*

**Young** thanked everyone for their input on the budget recommendation. **Young** then reviews the proposed budget with Board members, explaining different sections and how much was proposed for each section. **Young** suggests that any new capital above Base Operations for the DUF6 Conversion Facility be put into the Enforceable Commitments category to compete for additional funding if needed.

<b>Morgan:</b> Over and above the fiscal year 2014 base operations for this facility (DUF6), to make it more clear that you're not talking about all the money for all base operations, you're saying no extra money.	<b>Young:</b> OK.
<b>Wheeler:</b> Under the enforceable commitments, the \$36 million, is that the current budget?	<b>Knerr:</b> The \$38 million, you add that to the \$106 million under base operations and that should equal \$145 million, and that was the target we were using.

**Young** continued to explain the different areas of the proposed budget. **Young** also commented that the recommendation was reviewed by EPA and Kentucky state regulators and they were agreeable with the recommendation.

<b>Morgan:</b> Can you give us specific examples of projects that would be included in remaining work. What projects would that money be used for?	<b>Knerr:</b> Specific examples for that would include tearing down the 746-A and B warehouse, there's another building, 728, which used to be a vehicle maintenance facility. With additional dollars we could accelerate some of the environmental restoration activities, the soils remediation, and the burial grounds.
<b>Morgan:</b> If you use some of it for those activities it is going to help you meet your 2019 target goals?	<b>Knerr:</b> Yes, but also at the end of fiscal year 13, the D&D work that's enforceable will be completed.
<b>Kemp:</b> Is it a true statement that if there is no additional funding applied to the burial grounds and soils in FY 14, that you cannot meet the enforceable milestone in 2019?	<b>Knerr:</b> Yes.

**Roberts** pointed out that the idea is to get a consensus on the recommendation that minor edits could be made before the recommendation is submitted. **Young** asked for a motion on the recommendation. **Wheeler** made the motion and **Franklin** seconded it. There was no public comment on the recommendation. The recommendation was voted on and unanimously approved.

#### MOTION APPROVED

**Young** turned the floor over to **Roberts** for a presentation on the Board's Ipad Initiative.

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

**Young** asked for any further comments. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.